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THE FOLLOWING TEL FROM SURABAYA SENT ACTION JAKARTA DTD  
FEB 11 IS RPTD:

QUOTE

SURABAYA 0105

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, ID

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR FOR EAST JAVA

REF: SURABAYA 602, DECEMBER 12, 1974

1. LOCAL NEWSPAPER, DJAWA POS, IN ITS FEB. 11 EDITION, REPORTED  
THAT POLICE COLONEL SOEDARSONO, CURRENTLY THE BUATI OF SIDOARJO  
(NEAR SURABAYA), WILL SOON BE NAMED AS DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF EAST  
JAVA. QUOTING A RELIABLE SOURCE, THE REPORT NOTED THAT  
AMONG ALL THE BUPATIS OF EAST JAVA, SOEDARSONO IS REGARDED AS  
ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST POPULAR. THE PAPER QUOTED THE HEAD  
OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY, INFANTRY COLONEL BLEGOH SOEMARTO, AS  
SAYING THAT THE SIZE OF EAST JAVA AND THE MANY DEMANDS ON THE  
GOVERNOR'S TIME CERTAINLY JUSTIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY  
TO THE POPULAR GOVERNOR NOER. ALTHOUGH COLONEL BLEGOH WOULD  
NOT SPECULATE ON POTENTIAL CANDIDATES, THE QUALIFICATIONS HE  
OUTLINED FOR THE POSITION (A SUITABLE POLITICAL ORIENTATION,  
EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT, AND ACCEPTABILITY TO ALL POLITICAL  
GROUPS AND THE GOVERNOR) ARE MET BY SOEDARSONO. THE ARTICLE  
STATES THAT GOVERNOR NOER SUPPORTS THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY  
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GOVERNOR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT SOEDARSONO HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR INDICATING THAT HE WILL BE APPOINTED DEPUTY GOVERNOR. THE SAME SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT TWO LEADING CANDIDATES TO REPLACE GOVERNOR NOER WHEN HIS TERM EXPIRES IN JANUARY 1976 ARE RETIRED ARMY MAJOR GENERAL SURACHMAN (FORMER COMMANDER OF THE EAST JAVA BRAWIDJAJA DIVISION) AND MAJOR GENERAL RUKMITO (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF ASEAN). END CONFIDENTIAL HOWLAND UNQUOTE.  
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